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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 22, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.